

BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

September 2nd, 2009 Meeting

Present: Sang Curtis- Chairperson, John Nelson- Vice Chairperson, Tom Giguere, Dulcie Lavender, Geary Ciccerone, Tom Hill- alternate, Jennifer McKown- alternate.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Public Comment:

A. Mr. Damon Burt of Fraggie Rock Environmental Services discussed a wetlands permit application he prepared on behalf of Moose Mountain Recreation, LLC. The permit requests approval from the State Department of Environmental Services to create a pond with a surface area of 7830 square foot for use in snowmaking and firefighting. The "Minimum Impact Expedited Application" will be processed faster if the Brookfield Conservation Commission certifies that the application accurately represents the proposed project. Mr. Burt, a Certified Wetlands Scientist, explained that the proposed pond would be separated from Hanson Brook by a 20 foot buffer and would not be fed from the brook, but from seepage of ground water. The pond would be 10 feet deep with a dry hydrant installed. The availability of water from the pond would reduce the amount of water needed from two existing wells installed in Hanson Brook. A site visit with Mr. Burt was scheduled for 10AM on Friday, September 4th, 2009 at which time the Commission would make a decision on signing the application.

B. Mr. Dick Peckham, relayed information about an air quality issue in town. A field near Sanborn Road was recently plowed and spread with chicken manure which neighbors said made the air "unbreathable" and "suffocating". The owner of the field agreed to till the manure under which seemed to solve the problem.

3. Review of August 5th Minutes:

John made a motion to accept the minutes, Tom seconded and the **motion passed**.

4. Mail: No significant mail.

5. Old Business:

A. Natural Resources Inventory (NRI): Sang reorganized the document to improve readability and forwarded copies to CC members for review. Dulce made one correction which will be incorporated so the document can be forwarded, with a cover letter Sang prepared, to the Planning Board for inclusion in the town Master Plan.

B. Old Home Day: Thirteen hikers accompanied the Conservation Commission on hikes during Old Home Day. All seemed pleased. A photo of Jen with a group of hikers on Moose Mountain appeared in the Granite newspaper.

C. Wetlands monitoring: Ernie was not available to lead this discussion concerning the Conservation Commission assuming responsibility for monitoring the town's wetlands. Tom Hill pointed out that the information packet we have discusses "Prime Wetlands" which the town does not have. Postponed to next meeting.

D. Timber Use Regulations. In the August meeting, Ernie requested we review the new timber cut information packets intended for residents interested in harvesting timber. Sang pointed out that the regulations concerning timber cutting near water was changed by the recent Shoreline Protection Act. This new information should be incorporated into the timber packets prior to distribution. **Sang** will review for the next meeting.

E. Planning Board Recreational Subcommittee: Jen discussed a town-wide charette which will be held at 9 AM on Saturday, September 19th to discuss the list of possible activities/events which could conceivably be held in the Recreational Zone. Feedback from this meeting will be used to further develop regulations.

F. Meetings: **Geary** will attend the Planning Board meeting on September 14th.

G. Town owned parcel: The visit to the parcel by Sang and Jen was rained out. **Sang and Jen** will reschedule.

6. New Business: None

7. Report from Selectmen: Selectman's Report: No selectman's representative available.

8. Report from Planning Board: Geary reported that the Recreation Zone and Cottage Industry sub-committees are actively working. Dick Peckham reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment reversed the Planning Board's decision not to require a Site Plan Review for Moose Mountain.

9. Next Meeting. October 7th, 2009 6:00 PM.

Tom Giguere made a motion to adjourn, Dulce seconded, and motion passed. Adjourned 7:29 PM.